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SUBJECT: SOVIET WINNER OF AMERICAN PRIZE DENIED EXIT PERMISSION

1. DISSIDENT SOURCES TELL US THAT DR. GASI I. ABELEV, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AT THE GAMALAYEV INSTITUTE OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WAS AWARDED A "ROCKEFELLER PRIZE" FOR CONTRIBUTION TO CANCER IMMUNOLOGY. OUR SOURCES TELL US THAT ABELEV WAS ONE OF SIX OTHER SCIENTISTS (THREE OF THEM AMERICAN) WHO RECEIVED SIMILAR PRIZES. WE ARE TOLD THAT ABELEV WAS RECENTLY REFUSED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES TO RECEIVE HIS PRIZE. OUR SOURCES DID NOT EXPLAIN THE GROUNDS FOR THIS REFUSAL NOR DID THEY GIVE US ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON DR. ABELEV.

2. EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION WASHINGTON AGENCIES COULD GIVE US ON ROCKEFELLER PRIZES AND GAMALAYEV INSTITUTE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAVE THIS STORY INTEND FILING DISPATCHES ON IT SOON.
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